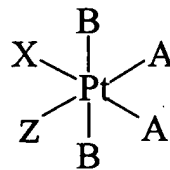
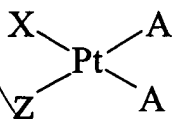


## I. AMENDMENTS

### In the Claims:

Please replace claim 1 with the following replacement claim 1:

1. A *cis*-platinum complex of the formula Ia or Ib



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof

wherein:

each A is independently an anion;

each B is independently halo, hydroxy, carboxylate, carbamate or a carbonate ester,

Z is a substituted 5- or 6-membered, heterocyclic moiety, wherein the substituted heterocyclic moiety further comprises a substituent that sterically hinders access of the Pt atom to a DNA strand of a tumor cell by a measurable amount more than an unsubstituted heterocyclic moiety with the same structure when tested under the same conditions, and wherein Z is other than pyridine; and

X is NH<sub>3</sub> or mono- or dialkyl substituted NH<sub>3</sub>.